BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) No, Sir. Three Instrument Landing System already exist at Delhi Airport.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Instrument Landing Systems have been provided at Agartala, Amritsar, Calcutta, Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Imphal, Jaipur, Jammu, Lucknow, Patna and Varanasi airports, which are affected by fog. At Mumbai, two ILS systems are in operation and a third ILS has been installed.

Lack in maintenance of high standards of flight safety by IA

1040. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines planes are not maintaining high standards of light safety;

(b) whether it is a fact that many accidents involving Indian Airlines planes have barely been avoided;

(c) the reasons of near-accidents involving Indian Airlines; and

(d) the steps proposed to enhance safety levels in Indian Airlines flights?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, during operation of one of the Indian Airlines flight from Mumbai to Delhi on 4.1.97, the Commander reported airmiss incident with an Air India flight. The investigation has revealed that the two aircraft were not close enough to constitute an airmiss.

(d) Safety steps such as safety audit of operators, implementation of recommendations emanating from investigation of aircraft accidents and hazardous incidents, monitoring of flight recorders, issuance of Civil Aviation Requirements, conducting safety seminars/ meetings, inspection of aerodromes, etc. are continuously taken to enhance the level of air safety.

Kelkar Committee

1041. SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kelkar Committee set up for suggesting measure to revamp ailing IA has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The important recommendations of the Kelkar Committee relate to:—

1. Financial restructuring.
2. Fleet Planning.
3. Route Rationalisation.
4. Organisational restructuring.
5. Human Resource Management.

(c) As this turn-around strategy involves a large amount of financial contribution, the matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Finance and Planning Commission to expedite implementation.

Air cargo carried in and out by foreign airlines

1042. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bulk of the air cargo carried in and out of India is by foreign airlines; and

(b) if so, what are the plans AI propose to take to expand in this field?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air India has at present no plans to increase its cargo capacity significantly.